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SUBJECT: SELF DETERMINATION -- THE BANABANS OF FIJI

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1. SINCE BANABAN CLAIMS TO OCEAN ISLAND ARE NOW IN BRITISH COURTS, IT SEEMS TO US INAPPROPRIATE FOR ISSUE TO BE RAISED IN ANOTHER FORUM SUCH AS UN COMMITTEE. IF BANABANS PERSIST, HOWEVER, IN THEIR EFFORTS TO COME TO NEW YORK, AND OTHERWISE MEET OUR VISA REQUIREMENTS, THE US WILL ISSUE VISAS. WE ASSUME THAT UK WOULD, LIKE FIJI, OPPOSE CONSIDERATION OF BANABAN CLAIMS BY UN. ASSUMING THIS IS SO, WE WILL SUPPORT FIJI AND UK IN OPPOSITION TO UN CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER.

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2. FOR LONDON: YOU SHOULD DISCUSS SITUATION WITH FCO,

REQUESTING UK REACTION TO OUR PROPOSED POSITION.

3. FOR USUN: IF UK VIEW CONFIRMED TO BE AS DESCRIBED PARA
1, YOU SHOULD INFORM FIJI PERMREP VUNIBOBO OF US WILLING-
NESS TO SUPPORT FIJI ON THIS QUESTION.

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